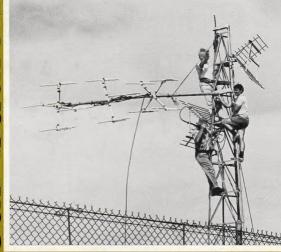
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amateur QSP THE 1977 FEDERAL CONVENTION

By the time this appears in print the 1977 Federal Convention will be past history. Whatever comes out of it however is not history. It will be the policy of the Institute

as a whole. In exactly the same way that the policy of the Institute derives from all the past Federal Conventions.

The Federal Council, made up of the seven State Councillors with advice and stance from the Executive, meets each year at what is called the Federal Convention. This is where the guidelines of the Institute originate. There is also provision for postal motions.

The discussions which are carried on in the Federal Convention are centred on current amateur radio affairs. These come forward to the Convention, through the seven Divisions, as Agenda Items. The Chairman of the Federal Convention can permit debate on other matters under what used to be called "general business" items. No advance notice is required for general business items and it stands to reason therefore that debate on these can be stopped if the Federal Council thinks more time is needed for research and general discussion in Divisional councils.

This is how the WiA as a whole makes up its collective mind. Whatever is decided by the Federal Council is going to affect every member in one way or another. Did you, as a member, help your Division by suggesting anything constructive for

discussion at the Federal Convention? If you, as a member, have an interest in any specific matter, do you ask your Divisional Federal Councillor to tell you what is the latest policy or position? Do you, as a member read the report in AR each year about that year's Federal Convention? Unless you do you could become a mine of misinformation about the WIA.

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Federal President.

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THEFT OF EQUIPMENT From Bathurst Technical College, stolen

between 1st and 4th of February, Pys model PF2VH on 458.05 MHz, serials 1231 and 1242 black in vinyl casing. Any information to Box 145, Bathurst, 2795, please.

RECIPROCAL LICENSING PROBLEMS

"One German amateur went in September 1976 for the first time to Yugoslavia with the appropriate reciprocal licence. The licence was received before his departure and allowed mobile operation.

"Customs formalities both in and out of Yugoslavia caused no problems. The serial number of the mobile rig built into the car was entered in his passport and cancelled again when he left. "Another German amateur who did not

have a Yugoslav licence travelled through Switzerland and Austria into Yugoslavia. He had his two metre rig packed in his trunk and duly declared it to the Yugoslav Customs on entry. Several days later his rig was confiscated in his hotel room. Also, his car was temporarily confiscated and he had to pay a fine of the equivalent of DM 150. "There appears to be little hope of his

getting his rig back." (Thanks to DARC for permission to publish.) (Copled from "Mobile News", January/February 1977.)

AOCP AND NAOCP STUDY PACKAGES Course materials are available to teachers

of Amateur Radio from many sources. The ARRL is producing a great deal of very good Novice course information including teaching notes, student study guides and morse cassettes.

Roger Davis VK4AAR is producing a complete series of course notes from virtually YR8 level up to AOCP. Morse cassettes are also available from this Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club in VK5

has produced a home study guide which fists subjects and appropriate textbook chapters to study.

Your NAOCP or AOCP multi-choice questions are invited. They'll all be forwarded to the P. & T. Dept. Let's contribute questions of the standard we would like the exams to contain! Thanks to Rex Black VK2YA who has recently forwarded some questions. VK3ZR.

Ex-Australian Special Wireless Group Operators (WW2) - If you would advise Steven Mason at 30 Jacqueline Road, Mount Waverley 3149, Vic., of your call signs and frequencies, we might be able to arrange a re-union on the air.

SPACE IDEAS

"Starting in 1979 and following about every half-year thereafter, a space shuttle will take a cylindrical structure to an altitude of 556 km. Experimental packages will remain on board under austere conditions for six to nine months. Then another shuttle will retrieve it, return to earth and NASA will return the packages back to their owners. About 14 ft by 30 ft, the open aluminium cylinder can accommodate more than 70 experiments. The orbital environment, however, provides weightlessness, high vacuum, radiation and particle fluxes." This is a brief description of NASA satellite series LDEF (Long Duration Exposure Facility) apeparing in QST January 1977.

WIANEWS

For the record, members will have seen the WAINEWS SPECIAL Insert into April AR quoting in full a Central Office letter explaining a number of changes relating to Novice licensing and operations, noting preliminary investigations into the probable grant of a site in Canberra for a national headquarters and a brief reference to an amateur radio brief for WARC 79.

The Executive produced a draft of amateur radio background information which has since been circulated to Divisions. This document sets out to explain the smaleur service as fully but as briefly as possible, its value internationally and locally, the great range of activities by amateurs, a very short historical precis, some reference to amateur radio's value in emergencies. the traning of newcomers, references to interferences of various kinds, a short appreciation of the amateur satellite service and of course details of the frequency bands now allocated and required in the future.

Unlike the proparations for the last WARC in 1959 the IARU is now much better organised and, recognising that amateur redio is a global activity, has prepared material in a "model brief" form for use by IARU member societies. This document was drawn upon by the APG Committee 2.

A circular produced by the WIA Queensland Division quotes extensively from the Netherlands Amateur Radio Society's Journal "Electron" and brings out very clearly the amount of support needed by national accieties for WARC 79. Members are supporting amateur radio, including IARU, by being WIA members, but what about the non-members, it asks. One thing is certain, Amateur radio will not lose by default judging by the efforts of the WIA, the IARU and all the IARU member societies. All of this is expensive but essential to the survival of ameteur radio to the year 2000 and beyond.

1977 CALL BOOK The new ten year contract for printing a Call Book was still under discussion with Central Office during March, but was finally clarified in April

After discussion the Executive agreed that arrangements for nublication should begin. Given a fair wind there is some hope that the 1977 Call Book

should come out by July or August.

1977 CONVENTION ITEMS

Agenda items for the 1977 Federal Convention began to arrive from Divisions a week or two before the deadline of 23rd March. Here is a brief resume of the items.

From VK2 -

Establish a 10m beacon band plan, review and, if necessary, amend the WIA 70cm band plan, review the 2m FM segment, including more repeater and simpley channels set up a Novice licensing policy, examine the need for RTTY standards, discuss "CB", publish monthly callsian changes in AR, publish a WIA Year Book, review YRS/YRCS, morse for limited and novice licensees on VHF upwards, review Divisional broadcast timings, review the Federal repeater sub-committee's terms of reference. lower cost amateur licences for longer velidity than one year, consider a VHF mileage factor for RD Contests.

From VK3 --

Establish standards for ASCII, ask for a novice segment 29.0 to 29.5 MHz or equivalent on 10m, ask that Novice licensees should be allowed to use VFOs, ask for 51 to 52 MHz or 50 to 52 MHz, morse for limited and Novice licensees on VHF upwards and CW by limited licensess from 420 MHz up.

Print callsigns or SWL numbers on AR address labels, charge interest on overdue Divisional accounts with Executive.

Review RD Contest awards and Rule 11.

Too late for Agenda Items are some general business items for which advance notice is given. VK2 want an extension to the 576 MHz band and to seek permission for in-band 70cm ATV repeaters. The Executive want to get trequency details of Australian stations licensed to operate in shared amateur bands.

QSP - continued

PUBLIC RELATIONS

"With the vast amount of publicity currently given to CB radio, there's a lot of confusion in the minds of the public as to just what Amateur Radio is, is it the same as CB? Is a "ham" an amateur or CBer? Stories by confused media writers have only worsened the situation. We need to take our story directly to the public letting as many people as possible see for themselves what we do, how we do it and how they could do it too. The county fair has been a traditional place to demonstrate Amateur Radio in rural areas. Perhaps the shopping mall is the place to do It in urban areas." Article in Worldradio January 1977.

PORTABLE/MOBILE IDENT.

QST editorlat December 1976 queries the latest in the series of FCC deregulations as "deregulation or dilution?". It refers to the fact that from 26th November "FCClicensed amateurs no longer are required to give advance notice of portable operation, and when operating portable or mobile no longer have to identify as such. Also, when a permanent move is effected, the requirement to use portable identification procedure no longer exists. In other words, the use of the slant bar on CW and Indication of portable or mobile operation or phone is no longer required."

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The editorial in QST January 1977 reflects upon the relative stagnation of amateur radio growth from about 1964 and reviews the steps taken to reverse this situation. "Then, equally suddenly," the editorial says, "there was another development. Numbers of CBers began to realize that CB was a certain amount of fun, but that it was limited in its horizons. However, we managed to get the word to many of those CBers that there was something to replace it, something whose horizons were unlimited, and that something was amateur radio . . . The League spotted those trends early in the game and recognised that much assistance could be provided. This past fall we had some 1,400 club groups giving amateur radio training to about 36,000 would-be Novices."

LARGEST FCC RAID EVER

Under the heading in 73 for January 1977 the Associate Editor reported that Federal Marshalls and FCC agents raided 19 locations in the Baltimore-Washington area early on the morning of October 27th. Confiscated was over 65 thousand dollars worth of equipment used by outlaw SSB CBers. This, he said, was the largest single FCC raid and capped a lengthy investigation by the Baltimore office in conjunction with the Laurel MD monitoring station. Amateur equipment made up the bulk of the items - haif a dozen linears. Heath and Yaesu transceivers, remote VFO's VHF HT's beams and rotors, incidentally, he wrote, it was not the work of amateur operators that led the FCC to the outlaws. it was pure luck plus massive interference to radio users in the area.

FULL CALL AFTER 20 YEARS FAMINE A recent letter from Ann Goodail, XYL of

John VK3ZBG, advised of John's success recently in obtaining his CW after 20 years with a limited licence. Congratulations, John, and we look for-

ward to hearing you on the HF bands as soon as your new call is allocated. it would appear that Ann is also a devoted SWL, and the Goodalls have acquired an FTDX 400 for their insomnla

VK MOBILE ADVENTURE

Brian VK1ZBL/VK1NAK will be operating mobile and portable through all mainland States for the remainder of 1977. The itinerary proposes Northern Australia for the winter months and Perth area around springtime. Bands operated will be 146 F3. 27 A1/A3, and 3.5 A1/A3. Brian will be attempting to maintain a scheduled appearance at 1000 hours GMT Thursdays on 3542 kHz QRP portable. The CW is still a little slow, but should improve rapidiv.

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IMPROVING POWER OUTPUT OF THE IC-22

Phil Wait VK2ZZQ and Roger Harrison VK2ZTB

Perhaps the most popular two metre FM transceiver in Australia at present is the ICOM IC-22, one of the products of the burgeoning Japanese manaleur communications manufacturing industry. Undoubsedly it endoys this popularity owing to its price titally, and secondly to its features. By reputation, if not largely in fact, it has parhaps the "hottlest" receiver of similar transcrievers intended for 2m FM mobile operation.

The RF power output of these transceivers is nominally 10W, Most units will probably produce close to this when first purchased. However, it appears from experience, that the RF power output deteriorates with use, some dropping below with use, some dropping below with use, some to fully understood, but suffice to any that the phenomena exists and is

certainly measurable.

FIG. 1. THE B12-12 RF POWER TRANSISTOR

Now, this situation is not all that disastrous in itself as it is only in the order of 2-3 dB, but it ian't entirely welcome either as the IC-22 is intended as a mobile transceiver where every dB counts. The capture ratio of most modern PK receivers on the amateur market is around 2 dB.

Another problem arises when a 'booster amplifier' (often incorrectly referred to as a 'linear') is added, such as those kits that have become recently available as well as commercially made units. These devices produce about 35-45 W output from a nominal 10 W drive and are simply inserted in the coax between the antenna and the transceiver antenna socket.

SWITCHING

Automatic Tx/Rx switching using either diodes or carrier-sensed relays is employed. If the drive is not up to the nominally required amount, considerably less than specificad power output is obtained and the full gain of the device is often not realised. Gasshing of testh, cursing the kit designers, tearing of hair and crys of "why doesn't arrything work for mellit"

In the course of some development work on contid-state VHF power amplifiers, the IC-22 belonging to Phil VK2ZZQ was presed into service as a driving source. Over a period of months the power output dropped from around 9 W or so to under 6 W when the unit was running from a

nominal 13V supply. A number of enquiries and measurements confirmed the effect, many units delivering only 6 W to 7 W. Accordingly, a replacement for the P.A. transistor was sought out.

The transistor settled on was the CTC B12-12. The gain of this device appeared to be more than adequate for the job and a power output of between 11 W and 15 W from a nominal 12.5V supply was expected. In addition, the device is rated to withstand infinite VSWR, at all phase angles, from a 16V supply.

However, the input and output impedances of the existing P.A. translator in the IC-22 were not known. A little bit of the old amateur 'suck it and see' (otherwise known as eclectic empiricism — see reference 1) was obviously going to be necessary.

Some modification of the L-G matching networks was anticipated,

Accordingly a B12-12 was installed in point of pinal P.A. Innalisary With due ceremony the power costors was commonly the power costors. We checked to accentain what tuning up might be necessary. Power cutput measured at just on 12 W from a nominal 13% supply (reference 2). Adjustment of the stage input and output intrimer capacitors could not improve on their Bendwidth is varied between 146 MHz and 147 MHz.

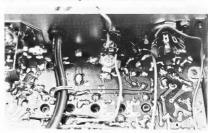


FIG. 4. THE B12-12 INSTALLED. THE COLLECTOR LEAD IS TO THE RIGHT, ADJACENT TO THE 'CTC' MARK

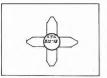


FIG. 2. CAREFULLY CHAMPER THE LEADS OF THE B12-12 IN THIS FASHION

Now for the actual conversion details. It is simplicity itself. Only the following explanation is complicated. You will need the following artisan's aids:-

- (a) One pair of household scissors. (b) One Philips-head screwdriver,
- (c) One pair of long nose pliers. (d) One 20 W (min.) soldering iron, (e) 115 mm of knot-free 60/40 solder
- with genuine resin core. (f) One solder sucker.
- (a) One hand drill (of 2.6 v 10° erg capacity at rest)
- OP one steam-driven electric drill with toothbrush, pencil and razor sharpener attachment.
- (h) One 3/16" diameter drill bit (sharp as a tack).
- (i) Thirty two minutes and 47 seconds of real time (as opposed to Greenwich mean time which is scotch
- anyway). (j) One hammer (to discourage distrac-
- tions). (k) One centre punch (to rivet your attention).

Firstly, the original P.A. transistor is removed. It is located on the under side (copper side) of the printed circuit board. towards the centre-back, immediately beneath the external speaker socket. Unbolt this socket and move it out of the way to alford easier access to the P.A. transistor.

Carefully desolder each lead of the P.A. transiator. The solder sucker ensures a neat, clean job and minimises the possibility of damage to the p.c. board. The transistor is bolted onto a flange that is attached to a flat aluminium heatsink bolted to the backdrop of the chassis/ cabinet. Unbolt the transistor and carefully remove it. Don't discard it as it may be needed in the event of a catastrophe (like when junior decides that the B12-12 Is a monster from Dr Who and promptly flushes it down the toilet).

Using the clearance hole in the p.c. board as a guide, put a punch mark (gently Bentley!) on the flange so that it is positioned centrally with respect to the hole. Drill a 3/16" diameter hole in this position, carefully deburring it. This is to take the bolt of the B12-12. Smear the flange with silicone grease to ensure good thermal contact between the transistor and the flange.

Now, carefully chamfer each lead of the B12-12 with a pair of sharp scissors or small tin snips. Scissors are best. See figure 2. Insert the B12-12 into position and judge how the leads need to be bent in order to make connection with the appropriate lands on the p.c. board. The collector lead is adjacent to the CTC mark on the header and this is oriented towards the antenna socket. The leads may need to be shortened somewhat, depending on their original length. Bend them approximately as shown in figure 3. Take care not to stress the leads or the lead-to-ceramicheader junction. Insert the B12-12 Into position again and check that the leads match up with the lands on the p.c. board without shorting to the adjacent ground plane. Resist the temptation to solder it in place.

If all is well, bolt the transistor in place. taking care that no vertical stress is placed on the leads and that they remain in correct alignment. Now you can solder the leads to the p.c. board. Replace the evternal speaker socket last of all. A view of the completed conversion from the underside of the chassis is shown in figure 4.



APPROXIMATELY LIKE THIS (ONLY TWO LEADS SHOWN FOR CLARITY)

Connect the antenna socket to a 50 ohm dummy load to test the converted unit. A reliable means of measuring the power output should be used. Briefly hold the transmit button down and note the power output. Some tuning may be necessary, Do not hold the transmitter on for long periods until maximum power output is achieved.

The RF output Indication will now cause the meter to go full scale. This is easily adjusted. There is a diode that picks up some RF from a coll in the output network located in the shielded compartment adjacent to the antenna socket, its location is indicated in figure 5. The diode is mounted with 1/2" leads. Simply bend it towards the back panel until the meter comes back on scale again when transmitting

And that's about it. Double your deteriorated output power and drive your booster amp., neighbours, local repeater, etc. to distraction! The heatslnk in the IC-22 gets hotter than it did previously, but the temperature rise is within the limitations of the transistor. Keep your overs short in any case - give the lower power stations a golf REFERENCES

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FIG. 5. TOP VIEW OF IC-22 SHOWING THE B12-12 FIXING NUT AND THE RF OUTPUT PICKUP DIODE

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This is not a new idea, but one which may be of interest because of its size and light weight. It can be used with a single mounting and elso can be rotated, as it is at this OTH

The Idea of making this dipole came after the successful use of centre loaded whips for 3.5, 7.0, and 14.0 MHz whilst operating portable during caravan holidays over the past 5 or 6 years. The dipole is constructed using two of these whips mounted horizontally opposing each other and fed with coaxial cable through a 4:1 balun. The SWR is 1.2:1 or better over approximately 15 kHz.

The coils are the heart of any loaded antenna system and must have very low loss, but mechanical stability is also a factor. Several ideas were tried and this one has proved quite satisfactory

The material is readily available from

plumbers and aluminium suppliers. The results have been compared with an inverted "V", an inverted GSRV and a loaded whip, and in all cases of VK4, VK6. P29 and ZL contacts, the loaded dipole was as good as or better than the others. One factor was noise, the three comparison antennas being 1 to 3 "S" points greater in noise level than the horlzontal loaded dipole.

The total length of the dipole is 22 ft, 4 in. This may vary quite considerably if larger or smaller diameter tubing is used. The outer section is constructed so as to give a variation of 18 inches in length i.e. 3 ft. overall, which should cover all

conditions of adjustment. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

LOADING COILS

Cut a 41/2 in, length of 17/4 in, PVC tube and cut out as shown in Fig 1 to serve as a skeleton coil former. Fig 2 shows the general arrangement of the antenna assembly.

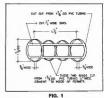
Cut a length of 2% in. PVC tube 51/2 in. long for the coil casing and fit a disc each end made from a piece of % in thick bakelite or fibre glass sheet, Remove these

disce until later

Cut a piece of 2 x 1% in, aluminium channel 1% in. long and drill and file a hole in each of the parallel sides to fit neatly over the 1 in, aluminium tube, Flt a U-bolt to hold the tube to the bracket. and fit this bracket to the fibre glass discs with 4 nuts and bolts (nuts outside). Drill and tap bracket to take solder lug for coil termination, duplicate this bracket for the % in tube at the other end of coil and fit one end disc to the coil casing securing it with PVC cement and 4 screws tapped in radially.

Next close wind 15 ft. of wire for the coil on the 1% in diameter tube, release tension and slip it off tube. Drill two holes 1/16 in, diameter each end of coil former for termination of winding, ease the winding on to the former and terminate one end leaving one inch of wire protruding Stretch winding carefully to cover coil former from end to end of open section and terminate remaining end, once again leaving one inch protruding. The wire should be fairly tight on the former. Now space the winding with a piece of thin cord evenly over the whole of the former. fix wire with PVC cement and leave to set Match-sticks can be used to keep turns evenly spaced whilst cement is setting.

Drill holes in the discs to take the col ends, slide the coil inside the casing and fit remaining and disc with cament and screws as before. Solder a lug to each end of coll. A check with a GDO should show self-resonance at approximately 45 MHz. Duplicate for other coil and seal all holes with PVC cement.



ELEMENT CONSTRUCTION

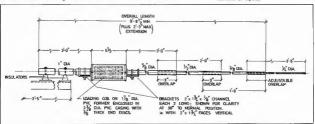
The telescopic section is next to be constructed. If the 1/2 in., 1/4 in. and 1/4 in. sections

do not fit snugly into their mating sections, expand one end of each a little with a tapered tool to give a fairly tight sliding

fit. The lengths required for each section are (in inches):



Overlan the 24 in and 21 in sections 3 In. Into their mates and fit 3 self-tapping screws around tube at each end of overlap. Leave the 1/4 in, outside section free until final adjustment, then fix likewise, Attach 1 in. and % in. sections to the coil and tighten U-bolts. Duplicate for other sections of dipole.



TESTING

We now have two 1/4 wave whips, so we can chack each independently. If you have a metal roof, fix an insulator to hold one of the 1/4 wave sections as a vertical and check resonance with a GDO. Adjust to about 7050 kHz, feed antenna with 50 ohm coaxial cable, check SWR and adjust for hest SWR. Do the same for the other 14 wave section at the same frequency. You will probably find a slight difference in the length of the two sections. Maintain this difference in the final configura-

Next, mount the two half dipoles to the four stand-off insulators and attach to the

remaining section of aluminium channel. Mount the balun and connect the 4:1 ratio and reverse of normal, that is with the coaxial cable to the antenna terminals and the antenna to the coavial terminals. This is because the antenna feed point impedance is in the order of 10-12 ohme

Mount the antenna about five feet or so above the roof or part way up the mast and check resonance and SWR. Adjust for best SWR at 15-20 kHz higher than the frequency required, because the resonant frequency will drop slightly as the antenna is raised to the full height above ground,

Finally, fasten the 1/4 in, sections of tube with self-tapping screws. Cover all telescopic joints with Araldite, tighten all screws and U-bolts and cover the screws and nuts also with Araldite.

Footnote: Suitable baluns are described in the ARRI Radio Amateur's Handbook 1971, page 350, or Electronics Australia. October 1965

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Aluminium Tubing: 1 In. OD 18 SWG 6 ft.; % in. OD 18 SWG 6 ft.: 1/2 in. OD 18 SWG 4 ft.: % in. OD 18 SWG 3 ft. 6 in.: 1/4 in OD 18 SWG 5 ft

Aluminium channel 2 in, x 11/4 ln, x 1/4 in, thick 3 ft.

White PVC Tubing 2% in. OD % In. thick 1 ft.; 1% in. OD 1/2 in. thick 1 ft.: 1% in OD % in thick 6 ft. 6 in.

Insulators Stand-off 1 in. 4 off. Rolls "LF" 1 in, x 11/2 in, long cad

plated 2 off; % in. x 1½ in. long cad plated 2 off. Fibre class sheet 41/4 in, square x 1/4 in.

Enamelled wire 16 SWG 30 feet (15 ft.

each coill

Bolts, nuts, fibre washers, PVC cement and Araldita.

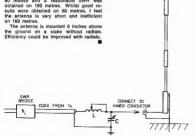
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With the Technical Editors

Terry Stewart VK4AAT

Being the owner of a 14AVQ which covers 40-10 metres, and desiring to work on 80 and 160 metres with my FT101, I dug into the lunk box and came up with a rotary inductor and a large transmitting variable capacitor.

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PART 5 AN RTTY CONVERTER WITH ACTIVE FILTERS

This month's article has been adapted from an original article by 0.088P by LA7MC. This article was of such length that it has been necessary to split it into two portions. The active filter is an alternative to the LC filters for which appropriate inductors are often hard to locate. The 0.088P system must be the RTTY converter to beat all RTTY converters. Read on and filled out why.

Most RTTY amateurs use their SSB station for transmission and reception. The signal they use for the printer is taken from the receiver's own-frequency cutput. The low frequency converter which is coupled after controls the receiver magnet in the teleprinter. On the other hand the AFSK signal is carried to the transmitter microphone input and radiates as an ordinary SSB signal

The RTTY converter described here has, compared against the previously described construct ons { notuding ST5 and ST6), the following advantages:—

(a) continuous shift adjustment by means

- of a potentiometer,
- (b) by using active filters you can do sway with the inductances which till now have been used for this,
- (c) the Q quality for the active selection circuits is proportional to the frequency, thus the bandwidth in Hertz remans constant,
- (d) the active filters operate by simple means so that the converter becomes flexible and can be adjusted to different operating requirements,
- (c) setting up is very non-critical and adjustment takes less than 5 minutes.

The RTTY converters work almost always on the same principle. The low frequency signal from the receiver is a new principle. The low frequency signal from the receiver is a new pro-ther and safety with each voltage amo-fication. Also, many small working amo-fication, also, many small ordinary completely, so that at the output of 1th ew whole bow frequency spectrum of 1th ew whole bow frequency spectrum and the same principle with the same principle. The voltage peaks are cut off, as the amplifier is always supplied with suffice and input to give positive and negative limiting (saturation and cut off).

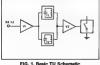


FIG. 1. Basic TU Schematic

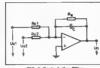


FIG. 2. Basic Active Filter

The fimiter serves also to bring all low frequency signals from the receiver up to a constant amplitude value. The amplification factor of V1 fulfills this necessary function.

It is often maintained that the limiter suppresses the AM components. This happens unfortunately only in HF and medium frequency limiter stages where the amplitude, which varies mutually with the modulation, is cut off. Low frequency limiters thus amplify useful signals and noise signals.

After the limiter follows the choice of

After the little tollows the choice of the two low frequency tones F1 and F2 which correspond to mark and space. These tones are for 850 Hz shit for example 1050 and 1900 Hz or 2125 and 2975 Hz. For 170 Hz shit one can use for example 1050 and 1220 Hz or 2125 and 2295 Hz.

In the two eslection circuits the two low frequency lones for mark and space are filtered out of the frequency band containing signals with similar amplitude as a result of the Inniber's action. When the machinum speed from KTTY is no bandwidth of 50 Hz Besides the selectivity effect, this also brings a low pass filter effect where higher leving frequencies are damped by the narrow band selectivity in the filter.

If you rectify the amplified and filtered

low frequency signal for the frequencies F1 and F2 you will not get a square pulse as the frequency relationship is limited by the 3 dB bandwith at 50 Hz. (This is due to the rise time of the narrow filter, that is the time taken for a signal to build up to a steady value, being significant compared to 22 mS—Ed.)

For this reason there follows a type of filter which produces square pulses from the input signal. These square signals are used to operate a keying translator which then keys the receiver magnet in the teleprinter

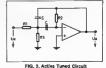
DESIGN OF THE CONVERTER

With limiter amplifiers today it is usual to use an operational amplifier with high amplification. Amplification can be about 90-100 dB, that is 100,000 times. For this purpose type 709 IC amplifiers will be useful and this type is produced by most firms who make integrated circuits.

If you go from an average amplification of 50,000, 0.5 mV at the input will be sufficient to operational emplifier to the positive and negative print levels. If you assume a supply voltage of ± 15V. In this way you have with type 709 an ideal limiting amplifier as with its effective clipping all signals from the receiver's low frequency output will be brought to the same level.

In published interature on the subject it is always recommended to have a bard pass filter before the limiter. This filter is so made that the two tones for mark and space lie within the limit frequencies of the filter. This filter is most often constructed of LC and gives 40 dB suppression to the undes red alignal provided that the filter is produced in good amateur fashion.

The task of the filter is to damp the spurious signals with higher amplitude than the useful signal, such that they become weaker than the useful signal if the amplifude of the sourious signals is greater at the input of the lim ter, the useful signal will appear as a voltage super mposed on the noise signal and will be put off by the limiter. If such a noise signal falls within the pass hand of the coupled filter, printing errors cannot be avoided. The best result occurs when the input filter only lets the useful signals pass. But if the noise signal falls within the frequency of one of the two channels, typ ng errors can only be prevented by a logic circuit, provided the other channel is noise free. For amateur use such a topic circuit could be top ахреляіче



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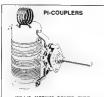
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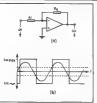


FIG. 4 - (a) Simple inverting Schmitt Trigger (b) Schmitt Trigger Waveform

The necessary selection circuit in the "heart" of the converter for filtering mark and space frequencies is always more eas ly built with LC resonant circuits. Every RTTY amateur who has built a converter or tried to improve a commercial type has found that the inductance is some unp easant, unknown size. On one hand, the winding of the coil can be a tiresome process, on the other hand you have almost no control of the Q value such that you are required to test it out.

If you wish in addition to be able to receive different shifts, the work and cost

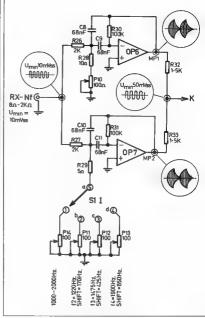


FIG. 5. Tuneable Mark-Space Filter

of the coils increases proportionately, if you wish to avoid the bandwidth attenuation attained by parallel coupling of differrent capacitors in the wiring circuits. No one previously thought of using continuous shift variation, since to vary capacitors in the order of 0.1 uF and coils in the order

of 100 mH was difficult to achieve. With modern electronics it is possible to avoid these difficulties, through the use of operational amplifiers increasing the resonance characteristics of the RC circuit, such that you can attain characteristics similar to an LC circuit. Fig. 2 shows a low pass filter whose output is the sum of two input signals. Fig. 3 shows how you can connect an operational am-

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plifier so that it functions as a parallel resonant would The mathematical background you can find in a handbook and you will be surprised at how exactly you can determine the Q value, amplification and resonant frequency beforehand.

Resonant frequency . . .
$$\frac{f_n = (1/(2 \times \pi \times C))}{\frac{1}{R_1} \times \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_0}\right) \dots (1) }$$

Vo tage gain at for

$$Vf = \frac{R_z}{2R_z}$$
 ... (2)

Greuit Q . . .
$$Q = 1/(Bandwidth) \tag{3}$$

$$= R_1 \times C \times f_0 \times \pi$$

The formulae indicate to experienced readers that the resonant circuit in Fig. 3 is almost ideal for RTTY and CW purposes.

If you consider the active filter for the frequency range 500 Hz to 2.5 kHz and find realistic values for the passive building elements through repealed calculations you will not choose R2 greater than 500k ohm, assuming you are using an opera-tional amplifier type 709. The Q value (for 50 Hz bandwidth) in the range 100 to 200 Hz is between 20 and 40. The capacitors will then have values between 20 and 100 nF II you have enough input voltage from the limiter (about 25 volts peak to neak) you can set the amplification to 1 or even less such that R1 is of the same order of magnitude as R2. For the chosen frequency range and the Q value as desired R3 will adopt a value between 10 and 70

homs. You can simplify the formula for resonant frequency as the factor . . .

$$\left(\frac{1}{R1} + \frac{1}{R3}\right)$$

is mainly decided by R3 as R1 is much oreater than R3

Equation 1 becomes . . .

$$10 - \frac{1}{2\pi C} \sqrt{\frac{1}{R2} + \frac{1}{R3}}$$
 (6)

This means that you can vary the resonant frequency of the filter continuous v by varying R3. The output voltage amplitude thus remains constant because R3 does not appear in the formula for amplification On the other hand, the Q value has a linear increase with increasing resonant frequency, (fo), such that the bandwidth remains constant during frequency alteration. This corresponds with our requirements for the circuit. The signal out from the selection o rout

in Fig. 6 is rectified, on one side the positive halfwaye and on the other side the negative halfwave is cut out, but more about this in the next issue.

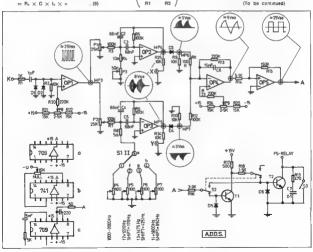


FIG. 6, TU Circuit

On Saturday, 12th February, an enthusiastic team of workers scaled the tortuous road from Canberra to M. Glinit lo Install the long awahed Chznnel 7 repeater. There was no shortage of willing hands as VKIW portable was also occupying the shortage of willing hands as VKIW portable was also occupying the Mamorial Field Day. As well as a good collection of VKI's, Chris VKZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel VKZZDD, Jamel XZZDD, Jamel XZZDD,

The Installation was the culmination of two years of hard work by Peler VK1DS, who has mothered the project since the complet on of the Mt. Majura Channel 8 repeater at Easter in 1975.

That the repeater was Installed in Its final location and was operating within one day is testimony to the careful design and regions testing indertaken before the most unpleasant one and a helf hours drive from Canberra and under sow for four months of the year, thus the resiliability careful and the property resided to be of caused of the year. All Clinial is also an excellent VIFF inc. Mt. Clinial is also an excellent VIFF inc. All Clinial is also an included the property of the tallest with road access and readily systilable power.

The repeater has proved itself to be extremely powerful and has considerably broadened the range of stations contactable on VHF from Canberra. Stations have already been worked from as far away as Grifith, Deniliquin. Raymond Terrace, Cooms, Echucs, and Sydney as well as many others. Signals from the edge of the service area have generally exhibited 8 very slow fading characteristic, with a period of three or four minutes, however there is little point in running high power to access the repeater unless your receiver can more than match the repeater's extremely sensitive receiver. Experience has shown that the repeater hears slightly batter than it talks

The repeater uses custom designed circuitry with careful attention to those characteristics peculiar to repeater service. in particular, a receiver which is free from spurious responses, has a high overload margin good sensitivity and low noise figure, and a transmitter which has very low spurious output, both in-band noise and harmonics. The transmitter and receiver are combined in an 8 cavity temperature compensated aluminium duplexer and fed to the antenna via 4 MHz bandpass filter. The antenna is 3 bays of 4 gamma matched dipoles fed in quadrature and is connected via 50 ft. cf. RG9 double screened coax. The control logic is TTL and CMOS and uses a PROM to store the

As with all projects of this type, many people assisted along the way to the final



Many willing hands make the final adjustments to the mounting hardware, while designer Peter Smith (left) tooks on. Photo by Martin Hood VK1ZME

success of the project. Peter Smith designed and constructed the transmitter, receiver and antenna and generally carried the project when others to in interest, to logic and machined most of the duplerer, John Tilling assisted with the detailed testing of the antenna, Norm Smith manufactured the antenna mounting brackets, bric Piranor and Eddie Penilsa and a host of other people too rumerous to mention helped in installation and in other ways.

The ultimate success of the project lies not so much in the installation of a repeater with phenomenal service range or of great technical elegance, but more in the use to which the repeater is put.

Plans already exist for using the repeater.

for divisional broadcasts, and doubtiess other applications will suggest themselves. Finally users are reminded that the repeater is principally for use by stations which cannot communicate directly, and that if you time out you have talked for much too long.

VK1RGI SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Mt. Ginini. 40 km south-west of Can-

berra 147° 47' E, 35° 38' S. Callsign:

VK1RGI.

146.35 MHz input, 148.95 MHz output (Channel 7)

Receiver: Input noise figure, 2.0 dB.

Mute threshold 0.05 uV (approx.). Sensitivity: 0.1 uV for 10 dB quieting;

0.25 uV for 20 dB quieting.

Power output 25 watts. Spurious output. Less than -90 dB on

25 watts at ± 600 kHz from carrier mema;
3 bays of 4 gamma matched dipoles fed

in quadrature (90° out of phase).

Beam width (horizontal) 20°-30°.

Azimuth pattern: Omnidirectional ± 1.5

Calculated gain. 7-9 dB over single dipole.

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Designer Frequency

RECEIVER:

*144.00 to 148.00 MHz FM (F3) *SSB (A3J), CW (A1) DC 13.8V ± 15% 90H x 155W x 235D

F3 10W

*A3J 10W (PEP), A1 10W 40 dB or better 60 dB or less below corrier - 5 6/62-600 ohma

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*ASJ. A1 0.5 microvalt innut gives 10 dBS +N fN or better F3 0.6 microvolt or less for 20 dB quieting S+N+D/N at I micropolt Input, 30 dB -8 dB or less (F3) 60 dB or better

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Time out 3.5 minutes + 1.5 minutes.

Identification, MCW, 800 Hz at 20 w.p.m. seconds.

Mode of initiation. A callsign will be

started at the end of the transmission tall if (a) there has been no transmission received for 30 seconds + 20 OR (b) no callsion has been trans-

mitted in the previous four minutes. seem to remember that this has in fact

Although there are quite a few SB34 transcervers in Australia, very few amateurs know just what they are, so before getting around to the modification perhaps a quick description might be in order. Manufactured in the United States by the Side Band Engineering Company during the 1964-65 period, it was perhaps the first solid state valve final transceiver ever nroduced. Covering 250 kHz sections of the 80, 40, 20 and 15 metre bands its compact size has only recently been improved on by the well known Atlas. One problem that crops up frequently with the 34 is an FM effect with normal sideband modulation. The trouble in the VK3OM SB34 was traced to the voltage regulation of the VFO. Extremely small variations in voltage produced quite large changes in frequency and although the VFO is fed from a requlated source, the shunt type regulator used. is just not adequate for the job. Solution. fit one of the new IC type regulators, in this case an LM 340/6. As the VFO actually requires 7 volts a silicon diode was connected from the centre leg of the 340 to ground. As the 340 is a three connection device - volts in, earth and regulated voltage out, connection into circuit Donner This depends to a large extent on the

terrain, but appears to extend to between 200-400 km for been stations given average conditions. Height:

Antenna: 1770m

With this done the FM will disappear like magic and the overall stability will also improve particularly under mobile conditions with varying input voltage.

THE TS520 TRANSCEIVER

I have had reports that the TS520 is prone to producing high level harmonic output in the 90 to 140 MHz region in one or two cases this has led to interference to alrcraft radio operation. To check this out on my 520. I paded up on 20 metres and ran carrier in the tune position. Under these conditions the rig is running about 25 watts output. A quick tune around on the FM tuner in the next room disclosed a strong harmonic on 98 MHz. Bunning full output with a linear would certain y bring this up to a high level. According to Jack VK3UO, the solution is to improve the grounding of the final tuning capacitator rotor. A couple of wipers made up with phosphor bronze or the like and secured to the final cage at the point where the shalt leaves the box will apparently break up a resonance that occurs in this circuit. If any readers have had experience with harmonic radiation from TS520's I would like to hear from them.

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This month we will take a look at three rather different subjects ranging from a mod fication to the popular HAM il antenna rotator, a so ut on to the FM problem on the old SB34 SSB transceiver and a harmon c problem being encountered with the TS-520 transcalver.

THE HAM II ROTATOR

One of the big improvements that the HAM Il rotator have over the older HAM M is the provision of a separate brake control which allows the application of the brake after the rotator has actually stopped. If used correctly, this feature will save a cona derable amount of wear on the brake mechanism. However as users of this deyice will know in the heat of chasing a rear DX contact. It is very easy to get the sequence of releasing the control buttons Into the wrong order. To overcome this and in fact make the release of the brake control quite non-critical. Tom Fishpool P29KE has come up with the solution. The circuit is self explanatory. While on the subject of rotators, this same feature can of course be added to the HAM M. unit to give smoother stops and consequenty less wear on the braking unit. I been covered in one of the American magazines but at the time of writing this I have been unable to turn it up. THE SBE34 TRANSCEIVER

is simple. There is no need to remove the original regulator, just disconnect the VFO DC feed wire and take it to the LM-340 METER TRANSFORMER 470uF RL-1 LOV Rt1 S3-BRAKE & ROTOR SWITCH (BRAKE) **—**② 1470 RL1-24V, 3km COFL * DENOTES ADDITIONAL EMKBK COMPONENTS

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With the receipt of more logs than ever before in a VK/ZL/O DX Contest, this part of NZART's Jubilee Year Celebration must be considered a real success. Even so, the lack of logs from some areas - particularly the Americas and some European countries is unfortunate. As part of our Jubliee, Participation Cards have been sent to all who submitted logs (direct if IRC sent, or via QSL Bureaux), while Jubilee Plaques have been posted to single operator continental winners. What a pily that no awards were made in two areas!

The checking of logs, tabulation of scores, production of results, and the allocation of certificates has been a time consuming but worthwhile task. The use of almost 400 certificates indicates generous allocation of these. This is appropriate to the occasion and the fact that in some "areas", so many logs were prepared and submitted. Special NZART Jubilee Certificates will be sent to a few National Societies whose members supported the contest so well. NZART witl again organise the VK/ZL/O DX Contest in 1978

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while WIA (Australia) will do so in 1977. Jock White ZL2GX. NZART Contest and Awards Manager.

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39	\$P3001	570
48	SP&CV	540
3	SPEDMA	+ 1B

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24	UA4ADN
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18	UA4HEJ
12	UA4YAT
8	UA4HBP
4	UA41U
3	LA4HGF
2	LA4HBW
2	LAMPAY
2	LA4HAN
2	UA4HCR
2	UK4HBB
2	UK4WAB
pheck	UK4AAI
pheck	UK4FAA
570	HESON
540	UOSOWS
+ 18	UCSAP
check	UF6BD
1770	UA3GM
448	UASQAQ
133	UASEAL
120	UA3DEA
84	UASAFT
744	UA3JO
50	UA3QBG
36	UASZT
check	DAGLAA
390*	UV3FQ
350*	DASLCL
*88	UA3ZBM

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	A3WU A3LAR	2 2	UBSMBY	138	JASVOV	312	JATGAX	14	JA4TNV/1	2	A7KE	114
ŭ	ASECE	- 7	JYSOO	133	JASBX	972	JA7UU	3	JF1WSR JH3DIM	2	JA7EWS JH7KKC	105
ú	Z3ER	check	UBS AM	132	JE3SEN	260	JH7MEH	3	JH3BDB	4	JH7CUO	4
	V3CM	check	UB5VY	126	JA3UB	168	JA8SW	1740	JHJSQM	2	~ABSW	920
	IA3TCI IA3IBH	check	UK5MAF	100 100	JRIMVF	78	JABWQ1 JABFBM	903 24	JH3SQN	1	JASBEV	848
	ASAEZ	check	LIBSLDA	95	JASIBII	52	JASHIX	1342	JESQBG JESGEH	check	JABGO	180
	ALAEA	check	UBSOAP	90	JF3GKE	44	JASCGW	612	JESUFH	check	JASUGI	1190
U	KADEN	1588*	U (50Q)	78	JE3TYR	21	JABJBK	270	JA2BP	9827	JASSON	312
U	ROACR	1186*	JB5ICS B5VAF	75	JA3GHG	10	JASYAV	84	JA2B1	2814	JA9BKW	216
U	K3XAA K3 BA	819* 344*	UBSVAL	57 55	JHSBJN	10 4	JASKUC	48 36	JA2EG	1592	~A9CWJ	120
	KASAR	304*	UBSRAZ	55	JASYEJ	3	YAARAL	1	JA2DNA JA2PSV	1152	JA9ACE JA9ACE	102
	KSABX	280*	UB5.6W	85	JH3KWQ	3	JAGUXG	1170	JRZPSV	900	JASKHU	1024
U	KSQAA	162*	LB5QBG	44	JF3GFH	2	JADYUK	957	JAZCED	770	JHOCAZ	333
L	KSTBF	175*	UBSNO	40	JF3HKY	2	JAOFMB	610 350	AYMSAL	500	JADODY	175
U	K3DCF K3AAC	152*	UT5PK UB5VLD	40 36	JH3SON JH3SOM	2 2	SAIDAL	280	√R2BDF	387	NLWGAL	108
	KSEAZ	8*	UBSVLB GB34FD	36	JR3SIT	2	JAOCZJ	136	JA2HNP JR2XRH	374 389	JADYFM JADVFM	64 36
ū	K3TAU	check*	UB5DAX	32	JH3AIU	1	JAOKUP	75	JA2LWA	261	JADVEM	32
	A6LCN	218	UBSYWA	32	JA4C05	5759	JADWJN	24	JESCHW	234	JADNOE	12
	ABPBA	128	UB5UAW UB5GBO	32	JA4ENY JA4BKL	4312	JARGZ	18	JR2AQP	216	JACKOH	8
Ų	WEMP	112 108	UBSVAO	32	JA48KL JA4XMI	1196	JAGUPM JAGVPM	2	MIMSAL	208	UL7PBY	836
	MALBO	80	UBSUCH	30	JH4ARN	938	DECEMBER 1	2	JA21NO JA2VLP	145	UL7PA UL7TAM	399 150
Ü	MASLDD	72	UTSAA	12	JH4BTX	405	JHOALB	2	JAZAJA	120	ULTPAZ	100
	KEDAU	18	UBSTAM	8	JA4CZM	270	ULTEAJ	1120	JRZGCS	80	UL7TBF	60
	IASLAH	10	UB5QCK	8	JA4SZ	250 144	UL7NW UL7OAO	328 24	JR2CLJ	75	UL7GBY	62 45
9	A8LBX	gheck check	UB5LB1	å	JA4GTJ JH40DR	102	III 7WI	12	JR28D3	65	UL7PBK	45
ŭ	MARAE	check	UBSHAC	ě	JA4UDP	84	UKBJAA	384	JE2BTX JR2MCN	55 48	ULTTAK	45
Ü	JASYBE	check	UTSLN	4	JHALWL	84	UVSPP	4432	JA2HLX	40	LL7AAD	42 30
	K6LEZ	2794*	UB5LCV	2	JA4NQD	65	UASUF	2684	JASTK	40	LL7RM	24
	K6AAJ K6AAU	1897*	UBSFAP	2 2	JA4DWG	32 847	UASMS	2508 513	JH2IIH	32	UL7GAA	24 20 7
	KKARA	462*	UYSEK	check	JASPUL	744	UMSTZ	351	JE2LPC	30	LLTJAC	7
	KSJAA	4488*	UYSEL	check	JASMOU	396	UW9WZ	273	JR2LFW JR2AGL	21	UL7NAA	3
U	K5Q8E	1344*	∪B58AW	check	JA5CHB	320	UASOS	224	JASHRA	18	UL7NAL	3
U	K5WB3	1331*	JKSEAK	check	JASIRY	230	UA9CBO	138	JAZXPU	10	ULTGAD	3
U	K5JAZ	912' 75"	JB5BAX UB5ICK	check	JASRIFY JASPXG	182	UA9WS UA9CDZ	120 75	JA2AB	6	GL7TA	phack
	K5OBL	75*	UBSICA	check	JASPAG JASMPJ	19565	CIASVI	40	JH2QWI JF2RPJ	4 2	ULTTAC	pheak
Ū	IB5MCS	1278	UBSUBG	check	JABKAK	3120	UASFAJ	6	JE28PJ JH2NYZ	2	UL75BN	pheck
U	JB5WE	1157	UBSRAF	check	JASWSB	1944	UASCEW	2	JASEKR/3	5539	инанвя	48
U	IY5DP	852 820	UBSKAK	check	JASAHT	1296 1036	UASFAL	2	JASAAW	4554	∪H8BAX	2
U	IBSIDL IBSNU	812	UBSWAL	check	JASUYF	761	UV9OV	check	JASYKO	3674	UHSDI	2
	BS.AY	590	UBSZBB	check	JH6HYL	490	LIKBAAN	12152*	JA3BRB JA3BRB	2950 944	U 8ACZ U 8ADB	193
Ü	TELF	280		check	JASGGD	168	UKSCDM	100*	JASSHG	504	UISACI	132
	JB5ZAL	264	UK5(CA	check	JASERE	140	UK9CAM	72*	JASDBD	243	LIJ84AS	732
	BSMET	216	UKSWAA	check	JASJRI JASCEK/6	119	UK9FER UK9MAA	58*	JASBAG	203	UJBAZ	133
v	BSLÇN	182			JASCER/6	27	LIKSWIBD	4*	JR3COZ	144	UJBAE	48
					JA7FAS	6480	ENVOLT	6132	JH3ARL JE3SEN	84 48	UMBMAC	800 1598
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	E18SE	13135	JE1XRZ	8	JA7JH	2484	1MOAU	1635	JH3SRJ	40	DIBAU	1080
	AIFIJ	5859	JIIQGB	8	JA7SPJ JA7BJS	1358	UAGJAY	759	1H3KWQ	36	JW9WL	994
	HIBUW	2980	HIINM	4	JH7FNM	920	UNUCBU	184	JABEEM	30	WASAU	880
- 1	H1KRC JRHOH	1932	JI1MPA JF1XCK	8 2	JA7JND	616	UWOME	378	JA3ARM JH3YCJ/3	16	UASJAA	840 759
1	KIZLO	1284	JI1QNX	2	JA7GZA	500	UADCAH	152	JHSTEV	8	CASCOU	732
4	AIOHZ	392	JE1PFD	1	JH7GPW	378	BARSCO	14	JA4AXB	3819	JA9ABA	800
	GIAQU	369	JAZHLX	19866	JA7VEK	240	LIKOFAA	6686*	JH4LZR	432	SM6A	450
	H2CKX/1	276	JAZLHG	1320	JA7CUK	175	UKOCBE	1334*	JA4UDP	95	MEDEAU	414
*	A1OV	272 264	JA201 JH2HFD	1296 990	JA7AQR	140	UKÖSAR	540"	JA4XRN JH4FBN	88 84	UASNE	315 288
-	A1VZM	248	JA2XPU	484	JA7JGD	114		95"	JA4GX3	40	JASFAJ	252
w	AIAAT	192	JA2ZAP	387					JH41UL	30	UW9AI	224
	G1FJT	185	JR2BDG	288	PSIA CW				JA4DWG	8	CARNN	203
	1KAM A1PUK	184 181	JA2ATE JA2BHQ	256 248	JR1NRP	7279	JA1RLR	228	JA4JGQ JA5JGY	1080	SARRAU	192
	ATYYB	156	JE28TX	224	JA1CMD	6840 4290	JF10JD	216	JASIRY	693	UA9HM	95 90
J	GIDUN	144	JA2.NO	210	JA1EMX JA1GLT	1649	JA1JOY	196 186	JASAF	12	UASCAN	84
J	GIE Q	120	JH4JLT/2	189	JE1M (1632	JEINGT	176	JASMOU	6	UASAED	68
J	AINGD	120	JA2L#G	144	JAIAFF	798	JI1QBG	150	JA5BSM	5772	JW9AT	57
	F1NCT A1HST	114 90	JA2LWA JA2DEM	114	JAILE	720	JRILEV	144	JASAKW	3404	JASHBD 1.ANHAY	40
	GIVPX	72	JA3PGA/2	76	JA1BFR JA1ITS	648	JE1TSD JA1DOY	132	JASOKK	984	LASCRT	36 28
J	H1LKH	65	JESMKY	30	JA18TS JA1DSI	548	JA1DOY JF1COE	119 70	JASYAP	935	UARFA.	21
J	FIDYY	56	JA2HGA	44	JA1NHM	528	JAIJOH	68	JASKAK	770	UASCAM	18
J	E1TSD	52	_AZBJW	56	JRIOML.	480	JA1VZM	50	JASAHT	638	DASCHT	18
	G1POB G1F_B	36 27	JR280F JF2DRZ	24 12	JH1UKH	432	JAOFSB/1	35	JASUYF	189	UV9CQ	16 6
	RIFVW	27	JAZVUP	12	JR1FVW JH1FNA	420 408	JA10P JETUKJ	30 28	JA6ZSE	161	UASCHW	2
J.	U1KNS	24	JA2HNP	8	JH1ENA JH15SK	408	JETUKJ	28	JA7MJ	6541	IAGRAU	2
J	YQL1A	18	JE2FUP	2	JRIIOS	508	JH1EJA	14	JH71OS	4401	UV9WF	check
	I RWM	16	1H2WIC	1	JG1EIQ	279	JI1CJJ	10	JA7SPJ	3256 2373	UA9TS UV9E1	check
- 4	M1RJJ IIIDCW	12	JH6DVA/3	18718	JH1AVU	256	JJ1DKA	2	JA7GAX JA7HMZ	2373	UVSET	check
	FISMT	10	JA3CMD	2820		* Depotes I	multi-operator,		JA7CPW	1050	UKSWAP	910*

ASIA - CW (co-	nt ;			UA9-18		666	JAS-1231/3	1512	A letter from Roger VK2ZTB advises the
UKBAAA	616*	WALGAD	312	UA9-15		252	JA3-8943	1184	Mawson beacon VK0MA is still operational,
LK9FE R	414*	UA0BAC	138	UA9-15		336	JA4-30756	1343	
UKSOAD	2*	UADMI.	125	UA9-01	84200	238	JA7-6824/7	2484	so it has been listed again. Advice also
DAOMI	3036	UABAAC	125	UA9-14	45234	210	JA9-2155	300	comes via "QRM" that the Devonport
JANZEP	1743	UADWAS	95	UA9-15	54860	123	UAG-107287	2688	beacon VK7RTX has now been shifted to
UWOIX	896	UWDFZ	75	UA9-14	45197	110	UA0-110109	2392	a new site at Lonah where the 432 MHz
UADCAV	660	UAOYAD	64	UA9-16	55694	110	UAG-11287	960	
HADCRW	624	HARKAH	10	UAS-16	15594	check	IJA0-124121	856	beacon and the FM repeater are located,
HACCAD	526	LIKOCBE	1404*	1169-15		check	UA6-10833/6	520	bringing all three together
DACCRO	329	UKOKAA	7"	JA1-18	277	2646	UAG-107131	114	
DADCBO	329	UKUKAA	1	JA1-48		954	UAD-10771	95	A letter from Jeff Pages, VK2BYY, the
				JA1-11		432	HAQ-107294	90	VHF and TV Group Secretary, advises of
SWL				JA1-11		120	UAG-12830	52	the establishment of a new beacon at the
				JA1-21		108	UA0-13976	26	
P23060	252	UAS-1701093	748	JA3-87		2108	4		QTH of Barry Goodman VK2ZAC at High
BRS15822	1868	LA3-14246	720						Range near Mittagong, and is operating on
A8808	125	LA3 123238	640				appeared on	page 28	a frequency of 144-120 MHz with the call
BRS35943	2400	uA3 127355	608	of Mar	rch 77 A	LREd.			
DL9286	2040	UA3 123238	576						sign VK2RHR, which it identifies every
DE-M24/17701	840	_A3-127521	558		_				three minutes on MCW. The transmitter
DE19162	572	UA3-122552	540		- 1	A 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			runs 10 watts into five vertically stacked
D., P28/1582816	252	UA3-170846	540						half-wave collinears. The purpose of the
D _L -P26/1542935	252	uA3 157342	528	-				-	
D10/1516160	56	UA3 170751	418	A	NE L	EX.PA	NIDIN	tri .	beacon is to evaluate High Range as a
DM7736+0	2798	UA3-170389	378					_	possible permanent repeater or beacon
DM7215/1	770	UA3-170934	288				WOR	T.D	site Reports covering a period of about
DM-EA-8053 IH	612	uA3-118208	276				*****		a week would be appreciated, and may
DM8405/N	432	uA3-170751	256		_		- 144661 F		
DM6721/G	18	UA3-170796	238		E1	ric Jamieso	on, VK5LP		be forwarded to Barry at P.O. Box 318,
HA5-072	48	LA3-122540	234			*****	No. Company		Mittagong, N.S.W. 2575. The establish-
HES UN	2812	UA3-15710	203						ment of an ATV repeater in Sydney is being
HESEA!	80	UA3-1271	200	A 55 A 5	TELLO	BAND BE	ACONE.		
12-14713	2772	UA3-170389	200						mvestigated
10-55651	1392	UA3-179389	174	VKO	VKN	MA, Mawso	n*	53.100	In to a see and from Outhern
13-64889	952	UA3-15575	140	VIC1	VIC1	RTA, Canb	AFTO	144.475	In response to a request from Graham
12-55781	594	UA3-122543	112	VK2		WI. Sydney		52,450	VK8ZCJ in Darwin for a listing of TV
4-62874	580	UA3-1701091	110	VII.2					stations suitable for beacon purposes
			48			WI, Sydney		144.010	around the 6 metre band. I have this month
5-80881 I5-60029	166	UA3-12244 UA3-142843	32	VK3	VK3I	RTG, Verm	ont	144,700	
11-58999		LA3-142843 LA3-1701183	32	VK4		RTL. Town		52,600	included a fairly extensive list, and I am
OK1-11861	342	LA3-1701183 LA4-09543		4104		RTT, Mt. N		144,400	indebted to Graham for passing on to me
			5720						the details of the various Asian TV stations
OK1-20350	250	UA4-148117	2288			RBB, Brisb		432.400	shown isted herewith. It is not antic-
OK3-26327	236	UA4-095171	2128	VK5	VX5	VF. MI. Lot	fty	53.000	
OK3-26743 OKP-14780	196	JA4-148227	440 324		VKS	VF. Mt. Lo	Bir	144,800	pated these will be repeated each month,
		UA4-095216		VK6		RTV, Perth		52,300	but certain would be updated where
DK1-5324	86	-A4-131185	70	AND					possible as the two equinoxes approach,
OK2-16368	70	∠A4-148196	26			RTU, Kaigo		52.350	these being the best periods for TEP and
OK3-26312	51	△A4-09781	check		VK6	RTW, Albar	ny	52.950	
OK2-18860	24	UA4-09578/MM			VK6	RTW. Albai	my	144,500	F2 propagation from the north and north-
ON-383	272	↓B5-0718	1162			RTV, Perth		145,000	east, I suggest those who are interested
N ₄ -4278	684	UB5-058297	739						should remember the date of this listing or
BM7-5755	200	□B5-071343	700	VK7		RNT, Laune		52.400	copy them on to a more easily used
UA1-16938	824	GB5-07218†	660			ATX, Lonah		144.900	
UA1-144291	392	LB5-0601464	594		VK7 I	RTW, Lone	h	432,475	medium, and kept by the 6 metre equip-
UK1-1891	198	UB5-060806	572	3D		A. Suva. F		52,500	ment,
UA1-1431	144	UB5-05942	388	JA		AA, Japan		50.110	
JA1-169185	120	□B5-087725	352						There may be those who have a bit of
UA1-144298	48	LB5-073877	304	HL		WI, South I		60.110	a smile when they read of some of the
⊾A1-169185	6	LBS-077529	280	KG6	KG6	JDX, Guarr	n	50.110	exotic places listed for the beacons, but
UN1-088218	326	∟B5-073636	192	KHS		EQI. Hawai		50.104	let me assure you they are listed in all
UN1-088388	75	↓B5-059506	72	ZL1		VHF. Auckl		145,100	
JC2-006101	610	J\$5071282	64						seriousness, and the seriousness paid off
UC2-0101	208	UB5-0732548	80	ZL2		MHF, Upoe		28.170	for Peter VK5ZPW who lives at Angaston,
LC2-009388	140	UB\$-070224	50		ZL21	VHP, Palme	erston North	52,500	some 40 miles approximately north of Ade-
UC2-00889	85	LB5-05911	21		ZL23	VHF. Wellin	naton	145,200	laide. Peter telephoned me with the news
UP2-038521	1786	LB5-0731712	10				erston North		
UP2-038196	1874	UB5-064402	8						that on Sunday, 27th March, he copied the
UF2-038488	1328	JB5-081202							Hawaiian beacon KH6EQI on 50.104 for 2
UP2-0381524	1320	UB5-067800		ZL3		VHF, Christ	lchurch	145,300	hours, 0145 to 0345Z with signals peaking
1122.018804	810	84.071994		~ .	~		4.		Anni alginio panning

Graham VK8ZCJ continues in his letter to say he has only recently been able to get back on the air following Tracy, and uses an FT650B to a 5 el yagr at 35 feet. On 2 metres a VK4ZWP transverter to a QQE06/40 linear with a 16 el. yagi at present on the ground! The first JA opening to Darwin for 21/2 years occurred on 13/3 beginning at 0710Z and the last contact at 0808Z, and Graham worked 18 stations in JA with signals peaking over S9 Brian VK8VV and Neil VK8ZCU were also working the JA's

Graham's other activities around 6 metres was the reception of Russian/Chinese TV video on 49.75 MHz on March 2, 3 and 5 Openings were late in the evening around 2100 local (1130Z), with very strong signals Mike VK8ZMA reported viewing TV on Channel 0 on 2/3. No amateur signals have been heard on evening TEP

TV video has been heard on 49.75 and TV audio on 53.75. Wide band FM was also heard on 49.305 with Japanese language on 13/3, in association with the JA opening, but no TV was heard on 49.75. nor any sign of the JA beacon on 52,500.

For the sake of the record Graham mentioned he worked ZL. P29 and all VK States over the Christmas period, over 200 different stations were worked, and he ran up 130 contacts on 28/12/76. The most regular beacon" into Darwin was Wagga Channel D, and the VK2WI beacon on 52.450. On January 1 he heard JA's via Es at 0300Z, also ZL TV at 0500Z, both were triple hop Es, but no amateurs were worked in either area

To conclude the Darwin scene Graham ment ons Brian VK8VV has an FTV650 on 6m to 8 elements, and a TS700 on 2m to 6 elements. Neil VK8ZCU has an FT620 on 6m to 4 elements

Referring back to Roger Harrison VK2ZTB and his letter, he encloses a cipping from QST of January 1977, which mentions trans-equatorial signals being heard on 146 MHz by YV5ZZ in Venezuela from LJ7DJZ in Argentine. This followed as a result of hearing fluttery signals prior to ACS for Oscar 7 on orbit 9062A on 8/11/76. Ed YV5ZZ reasoned that TEP could be extended as high in frequency as 2 metres. Upon listening on the 145.9 uplink band he heard very plainly, about 6 dB above no se, the uplink signal of LU7DJZ. The signal displayed the characteristic futter usually associated with TE and there seems little doubt that TEP was responsible for reception of the 2 metre uplink transmission of LU7DJZ. Path length 3100 miles. YV5ZZ heard no US stations. Next will come schedules between the two stations in the hopes of making what must be the first 2 metre TEP contact

Roger comments: "The signals in question are no doubt supported by Class 2 (I.e. night-time) TEP considering the time, frequency and fading characteristics. Considering the VK scene, Darwin is in a prime position for 2m Class 2 TEP to JA. The Ionospheric Studies Group of WRE operated beacons from Darwin on 48, 72, 88 and 102 MHz which were monitored in Yamagawa in Southern Japan, until cyclone Tracy took them away. The 102 MHz beacon was audible at good S/N ratios in Japan for considerable periods around the two equinoxes.

"As Class 2 TEP occurrences increase with increasing solar and ionospheric activity, we should see an increase in the possibility or probability of 2m TEP in the next few years. The terrestrial 2m record could be gained by a VK-JA QSO on 2m via TEP as well as providing some useful addition to research on TEP and the ionosphere. A station having moonbounce capability at each end could almost certainly make the grade, but such sophistication is not really necessary. Run lots of power to the biggest antenna you can raise, and run regular skeds during the hours of 8 p.m. to midnight local time during the equinox periods, as well as other times if it can be arranged. See my original articles on TEP in AR, early 1972." Those are wise words from someone

who should know, and it could well pay the boys in Darwin and North Queensland to consider the upgrading of their 144 MHz capability to the highest practicable limit for what could be an outstanding experience one day.

GENERAL NEWS

In the February issue of "Eastern Zone News" from VK3 is an interesting article on "Ameteur Radio in Japan" by George Francis, VK3HV. A few items are worth mentioning here. The JARL was re-formed on 29/7/1952, resuming operations with 30 active stations. In 1972 there were 140,000 stations, and at present there are over 450,000 licences! All stations must be approved before coming on the air for the first time by a Government inspector (RI). If later a change of equipment takes place, a new application must be made. and only after a further station inspection and granting of permission, may the changed equipment be placed on the air. The JARL is now authorised to certify station equipment, so long as its power is under 10 watts, thus eliminating the need for a State inspection, and most certainly a painstaking wait. However, for changes in the frequency bands previously licenced, type of emission, antenna or output power, a new application must be made in the normal way.

The Japanese 6 metro allocation is 50 to 54 MHz with phone permitted between 50.1 and 52.5, with 51.000 MHz the calling frequency On 2 metres the allocation is 144 to 146 MHz, 144.32 to 145.48 for FM and phone, calling frequency 144,480 MHz The 70cm band extends from 430 to 450 MHz Amateur radio in Japan has a current

annual growth rate of just under 20 per cent, and Ministry officials have stated that the sharp increase reflects the spread of scientific knowledge in Japan. Simplifica tion of the licensing examination system has helped to boost the numbers of operators in all age groups.

All very interesting, George. We take this opportunity, too, to wish you a happy stay in New Guinea. George left Morwell in February for a two year stay in that country, and has taken equipment with him and will be active on all bands from 160 to 2 metres inclusive. His address will be P.O. Box 1105, Boroko, Papua New

Col VK5RO had an interesting crossband contact recently, when on 20/3 he worked at JH6 station who was on 6 metres, and Col was on 10 metres!

Char is VK9JD w.ll be operational from Norfolk Island on 6 metres with an FT620B to a 5 element beam . . . VK9ZM on Willis Island is now off 6 metres . . There will be no 6 metre operation from Macquarie Island for the time being.

EME REPORT

Lyle VK2ALU writes in the "Propogator" that tests were scheduled for 26/2 with W4WD and W6ABN. "Nothing was heard from W4WD Signals from W6ABN were not loud enough to make a contact possible, and he has since advised by mail that his gear is not quite up to moonbounce standard yet.

"A half hour VK2AMW CQ period then followed, during which we were called by a weak station which we could not identify. He faded out after 10 minutes. Other stations were heard during this period, carrying out their scheduled tests on 432.040, 432.050 and 432.060 MHz. Our echoes were peaking up to 6 dB over noise during these tests." Lvie also makes a request for 70cm

SSB contacts. He can operate between 432.100 and 432 200 MHz with 200 watts PEP transmitter output and approx mately 3 kW PEP ERP from antenna. His address is as per the Call Book and would appreclate hearing from anyone interested. He may also be able to organise RTTY on above frequencies, with 100 watts of transmitter output, if anyone is interested From the Annual Report of the EME

Project Group, Lyle reports that during the 12 months to March, 48 EME tests and 11 CQ periods were scheduled for VK2AM# They had contacts with 12 different stations, bringing their operating total now to 25 stations in 10 countries, but so far have not been able to contact a 432 MHz station in VK by EME path. Several dozen stations are now being

regularly scheduled over the EME test week-ends each month in addition to QSO's which take place as a result of CQ's. New stations are appearing nearly every month, and the band segment in constant use extends from 432 000 to as high as 432 060

VK2 M'D-WINTER VHE FIFI D DAY

where in this issue

Jeff VK2BYY has written enclosing details of the annual VK2 VHF Mid-Winter Field Day Contest to be conducted over the Queen's Birthday holiday week-end, 11th

to 13th June Details are published e.se-That's all for now. Closing with the thought for the month: 'Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Any opinion expressed under this head Is the individual opinion of the writer and does not necessarily coincide with that of the publishers.

The Editor. Dear Sir.

RE: CHESS VIA AMATEUR RADIO I was surprised to read of Chess via

Amateur Radio in the January 1977 issue of AR, because of an episode that happened to Len VK3LP and myself a couple of years ago

We had been enjoying chess contacts for many months, when we were separately contacted and "warned off". I was contacted by an inspector from the Radio Branch and told that someone had monitored our transmissions in Queensland, and (1) that our operating procedure was not correct, and (2) that chees over amateur radio was "not allowable"

To say the least, I was amazed at both of these, because we had taken pains to ensure full standard procedures, including the VK prefix, and because chess is, I believe, an activity within the ambit of allowable activities and conversations.

The inspector did ask me if I wished to contest their comments, but at that slace I was so disturbed at being contacted by them, that my only thought was to quit, and not rock the boat. Having stewed over it for two years, and having seen that January 1977 article, I believe now that I should have taken them up

I have also found that there are a small number of others who are interested in this interest no activity. I therefore think that it is time for a definite ruling from someone in "Authority" that chess IS an activity that can be conducted. I guess that this action becomes the job of Federal Council, so I would ask that they consider

procedures, because these are adequately covered by our current processes. There are also two standard International methods for writing down chess moves, and as these are known by most chess players, there is no need to formalise that these be used over the air I would also ask that if there are any others interested in this activity that they

There is no need to regulate operating

write me a note. Bands (HF) used have been 70 and 14.0 There is a good case for VK activity on 3.5.

Bruce H. Bussenschutt VK5OR

(Playing chess on the air is not officially regarded as being a suitable subject for amateur communications in VX. This is an expression of opinion by Central Office. Perhaps amateur radio "on air" discussion subjects are more closely scrutinised these days vis-a-vis claims being made by the exponents of "CB".-Ed.)

The Editor. Dear Sir

Reference, the letter published in February AR by Rodney Champness VK3UG. As Mr. Champness seems intent on procuring a reply to criticism levelled by him at the various groups involved with morse practice broadcasts, I feel I should oblige. His first letter did not go unnoticed, incidentally, but it was the consensus among my colleagues involved in morse practice in VK2 that we should ignore such correspondence until the author chose to "nut his money where his mouth is". However, two letters were just too much, hence my

There are several morse practice broadcasts originating on various bands by various divisions - perhaps the two most commonly known are the VK2 and VK5 divisional broadcasts originating at 0930 Z and 1030 Z respectively, on or about 3550 kHz each evening. I believe there is a I'mited service in VK4 also. As far as I know there is no service from Mr. Champness's division - VK3. In VK2 the practice broadcasts originate from one of eight stations each night of the week with one station spare for contingencies. These operators are generally not mad keen CW exponents but just ordinary amaleurs who wish to provide some help to those wouldbe amateurs needing CW practice. It is quite wrong to assume that we have

not taken the trouble to consult the RFMD regarding the method of generating morse for the exams. We have not only done this, but we have access to and indeed regularly broadcast the actual tapes previously used by the RFMD in the AOCP and NAOCP exams to give candidates some idea of the real thing. We would like very much to be able to present this realism all the time, but we can't all be expected (can we?) to shell out 300 or more dollars for a keyboard generator with all the frills that the RFMD possess, and with which these tapes are prepared. The 80Mx VK2 sessions are practice sessions designed not to teach more but rather to provide regular practices(it is up to the individual to learn the characters, etc.). We commence at 5 w.p.m. usually and work up, providing practice in a variety of formate and yes, styles (which is not a euphemism for bad morse), but unless you are going to have everyone use a keyboard presel at certain speeds, weighting, etc., uniformity is impossible. In any case, I would think it could be quite boring to those listening regularly. Finally, from what we can gather, by

all accounts we have quite a reasonable following and play a significant part in the success of many attempting and gaining the ACCP and NACCP

I think that is a pretty reasonable achievement

> Mark Salmon VK2DI. Co-ordinator, VK2 Division. Morse Practice Broadcasts.

QSP — AFTERTHOUGHTS

WIANEWS March AR. 3rd last paragraph --Japanese CB are of course on 27 MHz not 21 MHz as printed.

TECHNICAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor. Dear Sir.

RE: CIRCUIT BURGLAR ALARM - MARCH

I regret to say that the bridge rectifier circuit is incorrectly drawn, the rectifier symbol should be rotated 90 deg. clockwise for all connections to be correct. This occurred due to an interruption at

the time, but I don't know how it was missed when checking on completion, maybe getting too old for these exercises! Sorry about this error

Ed Manifold VK3EM

CONTESTS VHF MID-WINTER FIELD DAY CONTEST.

1977 Conducted by the VHF and TV Group,

NSW Division of the WIA The group is conducting this contest over the Queen's Birthday long week-end Points are biased towards tunable opera-

tion. Starts 1200H EAST, SATURDAY, JUNE 11. Finishes 1200H EAST, MON-DAY, JUNE 13.

- BULES 1. All VHF bands 52 MHz and above may
- 2. You may work a station once per band per clock hour.
- 3. The minimum contact distance is 1 km. 4. Crossband, HF and repeaters may be used to set up contacts, but not for
- scoring. 5. Oscar 6 and 7 are not classed as re-
- peaters for scoring purposes. 6. Serial numbers, callsigns, band, time,
- mode and location of each station worked must be recorded in your log book. 7. Single Operator Entrants - You must
- perform ALL operating personally One log keeper is allowed, plus unlimited moral support.

SECTIONS

- 1a Mult operator Field Stations, 1b. Single-operator Field Stations.
- 2. Mobi e Stations 3 Home Stations
- The best 6 consecutive clock hours

and the best overall score in each of the above sections

FINTRIES

Entries must give the callsign and the total points claimed from each station worked; there is no need to submit complete log book extracts. Include a cover sheet and the usual signed declaration

Entries must reach the VHF and TV Group at 14 Atchison Street, Crows Nest, N.S.W., 2065, before August 1, 1977.

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km	5m-	Tune	2m- FM	Tune	70cm	AT∀	676 HP
1.50	2	3	1	3	4	20	10
51-100	4	6	2	6	10	50	50
101-150	10	15	5	15	30	150	100
151-300	20	30	10	30	50	250	200
301-500	50	75	15	45	100	500	500
501 800	40	60	25	75	200	1006	600
801-1200	30	45	35	105	400	2000	700
1201-2000	20	30	75	225	500	2500	800
2001 up	50	75	125	375	600	3000	1000
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70-2 Trans stor 50 VK/ZL, 100 other countries.

ATV seria numbers must be exchanged on sound and vision.

ATV NEWS

KEVIN CALLAGHAN VK3ZVJ PETER COSSINS VK3BFG

INTRODUCTION

This is the first of a possible series of Amsteur Flewision reports. The series will be co-authored by Peter Celar will be co-authored by Peter Celar will be co-authored by Peter Celar will be considered with the Celar will be considered with the constant of the Celar will be considered with the constant of the Information published with be minimized to the Information published with be minimized with the constant of the Information published with the Information published with the Information and Information of the Information of t

VK1, VK2, VK4 AND VK6

Could you please contact either of the authors as to where the activity is, frequencies, locatiles, liaison frequencies, etc., so that news and notes may be included in this column.

At his stage we know of activity only in Mebourse and surrounds. Lisban is on 147.63 MHz First with a secondary frequency on 147.73 MHz There are approxicall of these 25 are capable of transmiting. There are undoubtedly many more viewers. Activity is not on an organised basis and GMM is not unknown. The depending of 426.25 MHz vision and intercarrier sound or 417.3 MHz. Only three or four stations can use the secondary secondary frequency is planned as the in-

put frequency of the proposed VK3 ATV

repeater VXII

Act vity In Adelaude is on a simplex frequency of 442 MHz vision and 445 Sound. The known stations transmitting are VK4AO, KG, HD, ZBE, ZFX, ZEF, ZOF, GG All stations can transmit intercarrier sound. The liusion frequency is SS, MHz AM. All stations can receive 576 MHz ATV, the proposed repeater output frequency.

VK7

In Northern Tasmania, Winston VK7EM receives and transmits, Tony VK7AX is preparing to join in. Frequencies are the same as VK3. Working into VK3 is possible during the summer season. We believe that there is also some activity in Hobart. Information please.

OFNERAL NEWS

Through this series we hope to join together the various groups so that designs, equipment and contacts, we hope, can be exchanged. Undoubtedly given the right conditions, ATV DX can be worked over many hundrods of kilometres.

ATV repeater tests have been conducted in Adelaide and an initial test has been conducted in Melbourne. Repeaters in both States are planning on 70cm input and 50cm output

Most receiving stations use the VK2ZIM converter either Mk. 1 or Mk. 2 versions, Antennae are usually 11 element Yagis, W0EYE 15 element Yagi's or Collinear arrays.

Transmitters rance from modified com-

Transmitters rance from modified commercial UHF mobiles or base stations, home made or solid state exciters and ampfiliers, with series or grid modulation, even screen modulation is in use. The DALLB system from VHF Communications is also very popular. Modulation of a 2 metre final and then using a Veraction tripler has also been tried and works. Video signals range from teet signals to

Video signals range from test signals to Color camerae and Video tapse. The small closed circuit vidicon camera is very tratification to the color camera is tratification have made similated their old black and white equipment which has become redundant since they went to color. This has been available at very cheap elaborate with hier video facilities and can transmit a number of cameras with very professional results.

Don't forget in VK3 to watch the Ron Harrison VK3AHJ ATV segment in the Sundey morning broadcast on VK3BWI at 10.30 East.

AWARDS COLUMN

Brian Austin, VK5CA P.O. Box 7A. Crafers SA. 5152

RULES FOR WANCA

- "Worked All Norwegian Communes Award" is issued by the Vadso, Society of NRRL to all amateurs and SWLs.
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 2. The sward is issued for contact with
 25 different Norwegian communes.

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 thereafter **Stockers** each additional
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after 1st January 1975 will count for WANCA.

3. All band, modes may be used No

- All band, modes may be used No cross-band or via repeaters. QSO's via Oscar count. Minimum report RST 338 RS 33.
- Mobile or portable contacts valid, but QTH must be stated during QSO, or printed on QSL card.
- QSL card not required, log data count
- The award fee is n kr 30 for "Basic"
 — WANCA MIXED award and n kr
 10 for each "Stockers". No fee for blind-handicapped amateurs/SWL's.
- "Record Book" Isting all Norwegian communes and areas, available from Award Manager WANCA for n'r. 15.
 Together with the "Record Book" the Directory of Post Offices will be sent.
 The Directory of Post Offices list all Norwegien Post Offices and their commune belongings. No fee for blind-handicapped amstury/SWL's.
- In addition to "Basic" certificate —
 WANCA MIXED the following certificates are issued:

WANCA — CW: Only contacts made on CW count. WANCA — SSB: Only contacts made

on SSB count. WANCA — RTTY: Only contacts made on RTTY count.

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 WANCA — SSTV Only contacts made on SSTV count.

WANCA — NOVICE: Only contacts with LB stations count.

WANCA — MOBILITY: Only contacts with mobile or portable stations

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WANCA — SWL: For SWL's, All band/modes count. Mobile or portable contable contab

tacts count.
For WANCA — CW/SSB/RTTY/NOVICE/SSTV. Mobile or portable contacts do not count. Any band may be used.
WANCA — CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV/

NOVICE/MOBILITY are only issued to holders of WANCA MIXED. No fee for these cartificates, if applied for together with WANCA MIXED or together with WANCA MIXED or together with applications for "Stickers" or WANCA MIXED o

- All fees WANCA/"Record Book" contributed to LA5LG's Fund for Norwegian Bilnd-Handicapped smateurs
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- with identification of commune belongings, if call, full address listed on a sheet of paper and forwarded with 2 IRC.

 11. All applications should be made ac
 - cording to "Record Book" signed by two amateurs and forwarded with the fee to

Award Manager WANCA, Sverre J Schmidt LA1QK, P O. Box 3, N-9801 Vadso, Norway.

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ELECTRONIC ENTHUSIASTS EMPORIU

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CA3012	4.60	CD4028	3.30	CD4724	3.85	LM380N	2.75	MC1496K	2.75	UAA180	3.25	PC BU
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A3089E	2.90	CD4051	2.25	LMSQ8V	2 20	LM725N	5.90	SL610C	7 25	74C162	4.50
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	LMSSIA	3 60	LMZ41CH	1.20	SL620C	9.50	740901	1.95
	LM311H	3.60	LM741CN	75	S1621C	9.50	740925	16.70
	LM312H	4.90	LM747CH	2.70	SL623C	17.40	80095	2.20
	LMS17K	6.90	LM747CN	2.50	SL622C	26.90	MISC	
	LMSTRN	5.90	LM748CN	1.20	St.624C	8.80	AL5352	1.60
	LMX1RH	7.25	LM1303N	2.60	SUBSOC	6.90	GL4484	1.50
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LMX1RH	7.25	LM1303N	2,60	SL530C	6.90	GL4484	1 80
LMSYGN	5,90	LM1310N	3.56	SLEADC	10.60	GL5253	1.50 1.80 90 90 38
LM320K	6,90	LM1458N	2 50	SL641C	10.60	OL31	90
LM3207	4.50	LM1488N	6.90	SU645C	12.60	RL4484	30
LM322N	4.50	LM1489N	5.75	\$1,9018	3.90	RL5023	.35
LM323K	7.90	LM1496N	1.90	SL917B	6.50	FND357	3.50
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As I haven't got much of interest IW wise this month, I thought that some comments on recent Observer's reports may be useful Lately the Voice of America, Philippines has been heard on 14100 kHz with two programs superimposed

It has been ascertained that the programs are Russian language and those transmitted on 11865 and on 9630 kHz. A little fundamental mathematics - twice 11865 equals 23730 minus 9630 equals 14100 Thus, it appears that the second harmonic of 11865 is beating with the fundamental of 9630 producing the spurious transmission. VOA has been alerted and they say - "We are doing major maintenance work and the fault will be attended to in due course '.

Another VOA program has been reported on 14175 kHz, but so far we have not got to the cause. We think that the program on 11840 kHz is beating with another as yet unknown frequency. Further reports would be appreciated.

A broadcast on 3537 kHz which has been reported here as 3535, and the word 'Fukien" decyphered is - "Fukien Front, Peop e's Liberation Army", 3549.5 reported here as 3550 kHz, we think is still Ambon, Indonesia, but we need further confirmation. In the USA "FCC has sent out telegrams recently on about ten of my com-

plaints". This from K6KA. if you care to listen on 14180 kHz at about 0800-0830 UT you will hear a carrier, and if you listen intently enough you will be able to compare the program with that on 7090 kHz. Radio Tirans. The second harmonic on 14180, and from

America is said "Yas, Tirana is famous for harmonics, but also so are their ammers". NAP heard on 14024 kHz is Red Chinese despite the call-sign, and K6KA says "I had better remind FCC about my summaries siert on NAP. I alerted 14024 not so long ago." He also says "It's odd you don't get BAA6/7/8/20/22/24 with RY's at 0001 Z daily on 14340 kHz". Would somebody with RTTY facilities give me a read-out on this one.

LARA

Ladies Amateur Radio Association This month will see some LARA members.

sitting for the Novice exam, so to start off, we wish these people the very best of luck. Since more Novices will appear on air soon there has been some discussion within LARA as to how Novice activity can be encouraged it has been suggested that the LARA sked which is currently held on 3650 MHz (on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m. Eastern Time) should move down to 3.558 Hz which is within the Novice band. Some operators a ready have crystals on this frequency and if the LARA sked were moved, then new YL operators could be encouraged to buy these crystals and join in. Most current members of the net could change to this frequency with little trouble, so the idea looks promising. This will be brought up and discussed further in the Newsletter and members' opinions and/or objections are welcomed.

Just a general word about the LARA sked. This is a LARA net linking YL operators all over Australia for a regular chat and also the sked allows YL newcomers to try their hands at operating, overcoming "mike-shyness" and coming up to say "hello". To make the net-controller's job easier, it has been agreed that the first half-hour of each sked be reserved for YL operators and YL guests from other stations. After this first segment, the gentlemen are free to join in should they wish.

LARA VK3 NEWS

This month, the LARA meeting will be combined with a car raily. The meeting will be held on Sunday, 22nd May, at the home of Jean Troubridge, in North Melbourne, starting at 11.00 a.m. Further details can be obtained, as the date gets closer, by contacting Jean on 329 8506. Also in VK3. some LARA members have been representing the club at one of our favourite sports - fox hunting. A LARA team has joined in VHF group fox hunts with moderate success and a great deal of fun.

Once again, best wishes to exam candidates.

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20 YEARS AGO Ron Fisher, VK3OM

MAY 1957

Amateur Radio for May 1957 included the start of a series of articles that still continues to be a standard reference. Gordon Brown VK5XU "Modifying the AR7 Recerver" has probably been copied and read by more people than almost any other single series published in AR. Part one contained a general description and the Alignment procedure.

A second article by Gordon, "Adding AVC and Audio Volume Control to the Type 3 Mark II" was also a very popular one at the time. Two different "spy" type transceivers were popular for portable operation at the time, the Type A Mark III and the larger Type 3 Mark II. The type A covered 40 and 80 with a 7C5 in the final while the type 3 covered 80, 40 and 20, used a 6L6 in the final and ran about 30 watts input on CW. Naturally they were adapted for AM phone operation and were extensively used for both portable and home station operation.

Indeed May was a real "surplus" issue with an AT5 transmitter conversion article by Don Haberecht VK2RS. The old ATS worked well enough on 80 and 40 but 20 metre operation required doubling in the final and 15 and 10 were not covered at all. Don's article showed how to remedy all of these problems.

Technical articles were rounded out with "A Simple Capacity Bridge for the Blind" reprinted from the New Zealand Break in magazine, plus quite a bit of data on some of the newer tubes

The predecessor of the present LARA column, YL Corner, was conducted by Phyl Moncur, wife of Len VK3LN. Phyl wrote mainly about the trials and tribulations of the XYL of an enthusiastic

IARU NEWS

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amateur.

From the January 1977 issue of the IARU Region 1 News the following is a list of recently issued prefixes -

S7A-S7Z - Rep. of Seychelles. S8A-S8Z - Transkei.

D7A-D9Z - Rep. of Korea. NEW ITH MEMBERS

From the same source the following new ITU member countries were listed-

Surinam - Republic. Sao Tome and Princips - Damoc. Rep. Cape Verde - Rep

Angalo - Peoples' Rep.

KUWAIT LICENSING

"Readers will recollect that OM Collin 9M2CR recently spent 6 months in Kuwait working for ITU It took all that time and more - to get formalities completed for his 9K2 ticket - allotted the callsign 9K2ET. No chance of cetting 9K2CR since this was already issued to the D-G of Telecoms himself; though it was never used by that gentleman. No real problems in getting a ticket for anyone able to produce his current licence from a reputable administration such as Malavsia." BM2CR writing in the MARTS newsletter No. 6.

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Svd Clark, VK3ASC

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IONOSPHERIC PREDICTIONS Leg Poynter, VK3ZGP/NAC

Charts for April and May begin to show the influence of the new cycle activity. Whilst there is no great upucyge in the Whilst there is no great upucyge in the crease in lonopheric quality. The 2800 MHz solar flux measurements are showing up this increase with monthly means around 75 whereas last year they were in the high 60's. In turn these produce changes in the formula for computing path

10 metres is showing many awakening signs—not just to the occasional users but the solid adherents who are finding increasing path openings. 15 metres is also showing plenty of activity with plenty of DX being worked. 20 metres is well and truly alive along with 40, 90 and 160 metres.

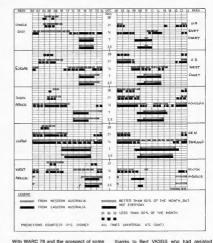
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signals across most paths in recent menths, particularly those lying close to and indeed over the polar regions showming more reliability. These are encouraging signs as a decrease in polar cap absorption will open up paths that have been dormant for quite a white. The Dec.-Jan. reports from Zurich Indi-

cate a rise in the running amonthed number becoming more apparent as 1977 draws on. It is still too early to say when the low mathematically occurred, perhaps by late 1977. It will have become apparent. However there is still life in the old cycle spots and the newer ones are well up in scitivity when they occur.

With the next maxima predicted for

around 1982 with a number around 50 (like 1974) will force many to look closely at antennas if they seriously wish to work DX. It will be many decades before we see conditions anything like the two previous maxima. However those who know the signs and use them to their advantage will be working more than the average share of DX.



with ware 2 and see prospect of some additional bands I have recently had a look at some forward predictions. Two interesting prospects are 18 and 24 MHz and 10 MHz looks also very promising. Whatever the outcome will be, it's desirable that whatever we have now should be well used.

In closing I wish to add a word of

me over many months with his sunspot observations from his well equipped observatory. His untimely addition to the Silent Keys has left me without an eye on the sun. I certainly will miss his excited calls to tell me of news of sunspots.

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BON MILKINGON WYDAYO

The emakeur fraternity were seddened to son VK3AKC, of Geelong, on Tuesday, auch to phone me on the Wednesday with the news, and I appreciate his promptness in letting me know, so word could be ossessed to Ron's many friends. Ron was always noted for his cheery greatings on the air and giving his location as Geese-long, something we all apprecisted.

His dedication to the art of VHF and UHF

His dedication to the art of VHF and Unrawas recognised universally, and his many years of activity included operation on all bands from 180 matres to 1296 MHz, and currently with such modes as SSB, CW, FM and ATV. His activities on 1288 MHz. EME operation are legend, and his pioneer-ing efforts in this direction have surely been an inspiration to others, helped by his ready willingness to share his know-ledge with anyone showing interest. His absence from the bands will be particularly noticed in Victoria and Tassania because he could siways be counted upon when it mattered, providing the other end of contacts across the water for lest purposes with others, being aware of possible band openings on 164 and 432 MHz stc. Over the 17 years I have known Ron and Wary, his wife, I always felt at ease in their company, and as recent as lest July their company, and as recent as tast Jusy eny wife and I were guests of Ron and Many at their home, and have many pleas-

Time will heal the wound caused by Ron's passing, but I am sure Ron will be long as an ameteur, for efficiency with his work, which was a pleasure to behold, as a citizen, and as a gentlemen. We will proudly remember him.

net memories of that last stay.

Eric Jamieson VKSLP

ALREST SCOTT LITTLE Scott passed away on 12th February following about two years of ill-health. Active as VKSAF since 1948, but with pre-war and post-war ameteur interest, he operated mainly DX bands, with almost exclusive mobile facilities over the issi few years He served in the RAAF as a pilot during World War 2 and following successful aca-demic Radiocommunications studies, was employed as a Radiophysicist on the 1953/ 54 Anteretic Expedition to Macouaria island, where he operated as VK1AF He was awarded the I.R.E. "Fisk" prize for the most successful student in 1952 Professionally he was employed as the District Supervisor for the Electricity Trust

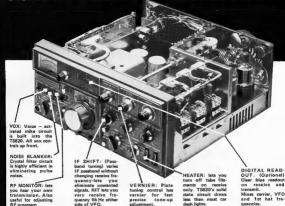
of South Australia, at Strethalbyn, where his Electrical, Civil and Redio Engineering backgrounds were combined in an intense study of the problems of RFI from High Voltage Power lines. His assistance with the local Emergency Fire Service radio sys tern extended over many years.

Scott was frequently engaged in a variety of amateur experiments, often in collaboration with his life-long friend, Bob Edgar, VKSRS, and his brother-in-law, Rob Gurr, VKSRG.

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